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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh had met the Prime Minister on December 3, 1999 and had urged him to provide advance of Rs.500 crore to the State on priority basis;
- (b) if so, whether Chief Minister listed 37 demands to the Prime Minister;
- (c) if so, the main demands thereof; and
- (d) the number of demands accepted by the Prime Minister so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

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(a) to (d): The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh met the Prime Minister on December 3, 1999 and gave him a booklet containing 31 issues. The booklet handed over to the Prime Minister contains issues, financial and non-financial, concerning various Central Ministries. The demand regarding advance of an amount of Rs.500 crore was not listed in the booklet. However, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, in a letter dated 3.12.1999 addressed to the Union Finance Minister, requested for Additional Market Borrowings (AMBs) as well as Special Ways and Means advance of Rs.500 crore.

Thirteen States including Government of Andhra Pradesh approached the GOI with their fiscal reform programmes and signed agreement for formulation and implementation of a credible and monitorable programmes to achieve fiscal stability. The States which signed the MOU on fiscal reforms were given assistance in the form of Extended Ways and Means Advance and AMBs. The Government of Andhra Pradesh was provided Rs.500 crore as AMBs and Rs.200 crore was released as Extended Ways and Means Advance during the year 1999-2000 as medium term assistance linked to their fiscal reform programme.